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In re the Application of )  
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For: "Site-specific )  
Recombination System to )  
Manipulate the Plastid )  
Genome of Higher Plants")

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The present application is based on International Application PCT/US00/25930. Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

**In the specification:**

At page 1, line 5 of the specification, please insert the following priority claim:

Gi -- This application is a §371 filing of PCT/US00/25930 filed September 21, 2000 which in turn claims priority to US provisional applications 60/155,007 and 60/211,139 filed September 21, 1999 and June 13, 2000, respectively, each of which is incorporated by reference herein.--

At page 60 of the application, on a separate sheet, please insert a copy of the abstract which attached hereto.